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BIRTH
At Hongkong, on the 15th instant, the wife of
W. L. Scott, of a daughter. 1831

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 16TH, 1878.

In another column will be found a thought-
fully written article from the Japan Times
on the Japanese yen. Our Yokohama con-
temporaries are very anxious to see the Japanese
coin assume the place of the Mexican, and
become the standard for China and the Far
East generally. This is no new aspiration,
we believe, nor is it, even if impracticable of
accomplishment, either unnatural or unrea-
sonable. The Mexican dollar stands con-
victed of being a constant source of loss and
annoyance to merchants here, and, all
foreigners would rejoice to see this coin re-
placed by any currency which would save
them the loss and trouble to which they are
at present compelled to submit. The whole
subject of the coinage in China and Japan is
a very involved one, and it has for many years
engaged a great deal of the thought and at-
tention of foreign merchants. How to pro-
vide a remedy for the existing condition
of the currency has long been a matter for
discussion, and the favorite scheme in this
Colony is undoubtedly the revival of the
Mint. The British Government is evidently
not disposed to coin a dollar at home for
circulation here as was hoped at first, and
nothing has transpired to make it appear
probable that the re-establishment of the
Mint in Hongkong would be sanctioned by
Imperial decree. It is to be regretted in
years by several half-dollars in circulation
as well as deposited with the bank in the
shape of Carlton Bonds. It is understood that
the money is wanted by General Tsu Tung-tang
and part by his predecessor of unblamed
memory, we think it is probable that no Christians
were especially lured.

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